

BOOK NEWS.

M'CAFFREY BOASTED A PULL.

Threatened to Kill the Girl Who Had Jilted Him.

But Police Justice Watson Wouldn't Hear Her Complaint.

Justice Watson, in the Ewen Street Court, Williamsburg, to-day made a very peculiar disposition of a case that was before him.

Mamie A. Reed, of 617 Second avenue, Brooklyn, has been engaged for the past year to Thomas McCaffrey, jr., of 223 Driggs avenue, Williamsburg.

A week ago, Miss Reed broke the engagement, and on Tuesday night received a letter from her lover in which he stated that he would kill her at the first opportunity. The young lady was frightened, and going to court, got a warrant for McCaffrey.

"What is all this about?" asked Justice Watson this morning.

Miss Reed stated that McCaffrey had threatened her life, and to prove it handed the letter he had written, to the magistrate.

Justice Watson did not even read the letter, but throwing it back to Miss Reed said:

"You are too consequential. Get out of here quick!"

Miss Reed left the court-room, and on the sidewalk outside was confronted by McCaffrey, who sneeringly remarked:

"You're a fine one, all right. What's the matter with my pull? I said I'd kill you, and I'm going to do it, so look out!"

LINEMAN VAN HOUTEN'S ARREST

Railroad Companies Quarrel Over a Right of Way.

William W. Van Houten, of Van Pelt Manor, L. I., was arrested this morning on a technical charge of malicious mischief in tearing up the railroad tracks of the South Brooklyn Terminal Company in the cut along Thirty-eighth street, near Ninth avenue.

Van Houten is a line man, employed by the Atlantic Avenue Railroad Company to lay its electric wires across the railroad tracks. The officials of the Terminal Company say that the Atlantic Avenue Company has no authority to cross its tracks, and are seeking to prevent the scheme being carried out by causing the arrest of its workmen.

LUCKY OFFICER BELL

He Gets a Set of Silversware for His Honesty.

Officer Edward Bell, of the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, is an honest and fortunate man.

Frederick F. Spyer, a silversware manufacturer, of 549 Lexington avenue, came hurriedly into the court shortly before noon last Friday on business. He took out a large pocketbook and laid it on one of the tables inside the rail. After signing some papers he hastened out of court.

Officer Bell came in from the corridor shortly afterwards. He saw the pocketbook on the table. He examined it and found it contained over \$2,000 in money and certificates.

Bell put the pocketbook in an envelope and gave it to Clerk McLaughlin, who looked at it and said:

"About \$2,000, Mr. Spyer rushed into the court-room in a great state of mind. He was delirious when informed that the pocketbook was safe.

He proved ownership, and then sat down and wrote an order on his bank in Bell's favor for a set of silversware.

Mr. Bell selected four beautiful pieces, which Mr. Spyer he owed Officer Bell, not satisfy the debt he owed Officer Bell.

MISTAKE, SAYS MAGGIE.

Denies that She Stole Collector Joseph Meek's \$200.

Maggie Schinglass, twelve years old, of 77 North Ninth street, was held in the Lee Avenue Court, Williamsburg, to-day for examination on a charge of grand larceny.

Joseph Meek, of 89 North Eighth street, is a collector, and Monday he went along North Ninth street getting the money due his firm. He says that at North Ninth and Berry streets he dropped \$200, and that Maggie, who was standing by at the time, picked up the money and ran into her home with it.

Maggie, who is a bright-looking little girl, emphatically denied the charge, and said she never seen Meek before.

"He must have made a mistake," she said to Officer McLaughlin, who said to the judge that he could easily do it, for there are other little girls on the block who look like me."

ABDUCTED TWO BOYS.

School Teacher Arraigned for a Serious Offense.

Thomas D. Vreeland, twenty-five, was arraigned in Jefferson Market Court this morning charged with abducting Willie Martin and Theodore Eschbach, each fifteen years old, from their homes in Baltimore.

The boys were taken to a Catholic school in that city and came here with Vreeland, who was a teacher, on Nov. 16 without notice to their parents. Vreeland promised to get the boys working in some theatre.

When arraigned, Vreeland could give no reason for inducing the boys to come here with him.

Martin's father was in court, and asked Justice Hogan to, if possible, let the boys go home. He does not care to prosecute Vreeland, and the mothers of both boys are prostrated by the affair.

Justice Hogan adjourned the examination until late this afternoon.

CONTRACTOR CURRAN DEAD.

Well-Known Brooklyn Man Succumbed to Paralysis.

Contractor John Curran died at his home, 171 Third avenue, Brooklyn, last night. On Tuesday afternoon he was stricken with paralysis.

Mr. Curran was one of the best known contractors in Brooklyn. He was born in the County Cavan, Ireland, fifty-eight years ago, and came to Brooklyn thirty years ago.

He fulfilled several important contracts with the city, and is said to have amassed a fortune. He leaves a widow and four children. Funeral services will be held at St. Michael's R. C. Church, Fourth avenue, on Saturday morning.

Wedded in Flatbush.

Element C. Wells and Miss Laura E. Halstead, of Flatbush, are receiving congratulations to-day on their marriage last evening at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Charles, on Flatbush avenue.

Mr. J. G. Miller, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Flatbush, performed the ceremony.

Gets a Verdict of \$2,000.

A jury in Circuit Court, Brooklyn, to-day gave judgment for \$2,000 in favor of Mrs. Adeline C. Richards against the Adams Express Company. Mrs. Richards, of 100 West 10th street, was the wife of her husband, who was run over and killed in one of the company's wagons in December, 1892.

FOUGHT IN THE DARK.

Moses Meyer's Desperate Struggle with a Burglar.

His Lamp Smashed by a Blow Intended for Him.

The Thug's Slung-Shot Weighed Fully Two Pounds.

John Smith, forty-five years old, who says he lives in New Jersey, was held in the Ewen Street Court, Williamsburg, to-day to await examination on a charge of burglary.

The police of the Stagg street station, who made the arrest, say they believe Smith to be an expert cracksmen. Before the case is called again they expect to have him identified.

Moses Meyer keeps a dry-goods store at 225 Bushwick avenue. He lives in the rear with his wife and two children. About 11 o'clock last night Meyer heard a noise in the cellar. He went down to investigate, and having a lighted lamp in his hand.

As he reached the bottom of the stairs Meyer saw a man jump up before him. He instinctively dodged. He was just in time, for he had not done so he would have been struck in the face by the man with a slung-shot.

Although the merchant dodged, his lamp was hit by the slung-shot. The upper half of the lamp was carried away. The light was extinguished.

The two men grappled. According to Meyer they had a terrible rough and tumble fight all over the cellar. The burglar drove his fist into Meyer's face, and Meyer, who was in the dark, was unable to see him.

Finally the burglar tipped up his antagonist and drove him into the darkness, which fortunately missed the burglar. He ran up the stairs and out into the street, closely followed by Meyer, who yelled for the police.

A nearby policeman heard the uproar and captured the burglar. The burglar gave his name as John Smith. The two men were found upon the stairs. His slung-shot weighed two pounds.

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GLEASON ACCUSED OF FRAUD.

Charged with Wrongfully Obtaining His City-Hall Property.

The Ex-Mayor Denies Mrs. Malsneck's Accusation.

Patrick J. Gleason, ex-Mayor of Long Island City, as in the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, this morning as a defendant in the suit brought by Mrs. Wilhelmina Malsneck, to have a deed covering the City Hall property of Long Island City set aside on the ground that Gleason obtained possession of the property through fraud.

Counselor Rudolph C. Schaller, who appeared for Mrs. Malsneck, said that the property belonged to Louis Rodiger in 1889, when he died. Three days after Rodiger's death Gleason was appointed receiver of the estate, to which there was a deed covering the property.

Gleason was ordered by the court to partition the estate. Mrs. Malsneck was Rodiger's sister, and her share was valued at about \$5,000.

Soon after Rodiger died Gleason purchased a deed from Rodiger for \$100 in the name of Rodney S. Strossel. In May, 1889, Gleason, it is alleged, induced Mrs. Malsneck to give a deed for her right, title and interest in her share to Gleason for \$50.

Mrs. Malsneck says she did not know the character of the paper she had signed, but supposed it was a receipt for money collected by Gleason as receiver.

In a similar manner, it is alleged, Gleason secured all of the balance of the interest in the estate, except two stores held by children of deceased sisters of Gleason.

It is charged in the papers in the case, that Gleason had in his possession, during the period of his receivership, at least \$10,000 which have been collected as rents, and never accounted for.

Gleason is now acting for Gleason, because he has recently transferred his interests in the property to Gleason. The title Gleason still maintains the receivership.

Gleason denies any wrong done on his part. He claims that he has acted for the best interests of the heirs. He says Mrs. Malsneck voluntarily, and of her own volition, signed the deed which conveyed her share to Gleason.

Justice Bartlett wanted to know why Gleason was not a defendant in the case, and adjourned the trial until Nov. 27, to enable Gleason to come into the case.

PROVISION TOO SWEEPING.

Justice Bartlett Objects to the Commissioners' Report.

Justice Bartlett, in the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, this morning heard argument on a motion to confirm the report of the Commissioners in the matter of opening Sixty-fifth street, New Utrecht. The Commissioners are J. H. Van Brunt, James A. Townsend and Peter Bogert.

Sixty-fifth street is cut open into Second avenue. At the foot of the proposed street line are located the ferry slips of the Sea Beach and Manhattan ferries. There is no street leading to the ferry houses.

The residents of Bay Ridge who want to use the ferry, are obliged to walk along the railroad tracks. Some of the men, however, was seen coming from the store or hallways.

"Red Mike" was identified by Manager Silverstein as a man who had been seen acting suspiciously about the store on several occasions previous to the robbery.

Quinn is wanted on suspicion of burglary. Quinn, Martin Howard's room, 50 West Fifty-fifth street, last August, and the other two have unsavory reputations.

The police have practically no evidence against Quinn, and are unable to obtain something definite this afternoon.

CROW SAYS HE WAS ROBBED.

He Met Annie Kelly and Had Quite an Adventure.

Annie Kelly, a young woman with traces of former beauty, was held in the Tombs police court this morning, charged with stealing \$10 from John Crow, a saloon-keeper at 111 West Twentieth street.

Crow met her on the Bowery last night. He accompanied her to a room, where, he says, she stole the money from him. She then ran down stairs to a saloon. His attempts there to make her give up the money were frustrated by a crowd of loungers. He gave a man a dollar to call a policeman, but the man did not come back. Then the woman broke away and ran into the street, where she was caught by Policemen Cassidy.

ACCUSED OF MURDER.

Three Men Held for Killing William Horton.

LONG ISLAND CITY, L. I., Nov. 16.—Daniel Kerrigan, Samuel Stein and William Gint were arraigned in the Long Island City Police Court to-day, before Justice Noble, on the charge of murdering William, alias "Buck" Horton, in front of Gaffney's saloon, on Vernon avenue, Brooklyn, last night.

Horton died in St. Catherine's Hospital on Nov. 9. The statement of "Coroner" Carmody, of Brooklyn, who made the autopsy, was to the effect that Horton died from concussion of the brain and a fracture of the skull.

Horton stated before he died that when he was about to vote he was attacked without provocation and kicked and beaten by the rioters.

The defendants were held without bail for the election day. The Grand Jury, Patrick McDermott, Jack Kerrigan, a brother of one of the prisoners; John Carmody, Francis Connors, Henry Flowers and Louis Underland were held in \$500 bail as witnesses.

ON TRIAL FOR MURDER.

The Vetrano Brothers Accused of Killing Licario.

Itario and Domenico Vetrano, brothers, were placed on trial this morning before Judge Moore and a jury in the Court of Sessions, Brooklyn, for murder in the first degree.

On the night of June 25, last there was a general row among a crowd of Italians at Bath Beach Junction, during which Joseph Licario, a young laborer, was stabbed in the back. He died in Flatbush Hospital the next day.

The prisoners were seen running away. They were arrested in Brooklyn. A pair of shears, covered with blood, were found in their possession.

At first they denied that they were in the fight, but subsequently they declared that they were acting as peace-makers.

DR. SELDEN CROWE MAY GO FREE.

Lawyer Purdy Moves to Dismiss the Indictment Against Him.

Lawyer Ambrose H. Purdy made a motion before Recorder Smyth, in Part I. of the General Sessions to-day to dismiss the indictment against Dr. Henry W. Selden, alias Crowe. The doctor is charged with complicity in the forgeries on the bank of the Manhattan Company.

Mr. Nicol said no legal evidence had been submitted to the Grand Jury. Decision was reserved.

Dr. Selden recently made a motion for reduction of bail, and to inspect the minutes of the Grand Jury, which was denied. He is in the Tombs, under \$5,000 bail, awaiting trial.

Dougherty Held for Slander.

John J. Dougherty, of 1458 Fulton street, was held in the Lee Avenue Court, Williamsburg, to-day to answer a charge of slander. The complaint in this latter case was Miss Annie Twier, of 204 South First street.

Brooklyn Breiville.

Antonio Breiville was held in the Lee Avenue Court, Williamsburg, to-day on a charge of assault in the second degree. He was quarreled with John Taylor, and struck him on the head with a club.

VOGEL BROTHERS

(CLOTHIERS AND OUTFITTERS),

8TH AVE., COR. 42d ST.

MEN'S OVERCOATS.

Elegant Assortment of Fine Overcoats, made of Kerseys, Beavers, Meltons, Chinchillas and Whiteheads, now at reduced prices, \$15, \$16 and \$18.

Complete Furnishings for Men and Boys, at low prices.

8TH AVE. & 42d ST.

OPEN EVENINGS. ESTABLISHED 1857.

"RED MIKE" & CO. ARE HELD.

Suspected of Burglarizing Erdenson's Clothing Store.

The Police Hope to Get Evidence to Convict the Four.

Michael Monahan, alias Red Mike, a hunchback, twenty-two years old, of 54 West Forty-fifth street; Daniel McNamara, nineteen years old, of 99 West Forty-ninth street; Robert Quinn, twenty years old, of 543 Tenth avenue; and Joseph Kent, eighteen years old, of 82 Eighth avenue, were held in \$1,000 bail in Yorkville Police Court this morning on suspicion of having burglarized the clothing store of R. Erdenson & Co., 207 Eighth avenue, Sunday night.

Capt. Schmittberger, who with his two ward men, Dooling and Casey, ran the suspects down, believes that they are responsible for the series of robberies that have occurred in the same neighborhood at regular intervals during the last two months.

At Mrs. Sunday's family of Andrew Clark, who lives over the store, was awakened by noises in the hallway. Mrs. Clark, on going to the door, heard the hurried footsteps of several men escaping from the hall door, and realizing that they were burglars, fell a faint.

Mr. Clark, who is an invalid, was helpless, but his two daughters, Minnie and Kattie, were equal to the occasion. Throwing up the window, they yelled to Policemen who were passing the street. He entered the store and found a pile of clothing, valued at \$500, piled up in the rear of the store.

A hole had been sawed through the floor from the cellar, through which the thieves gained entrance. The store was empty, and the clothing had been taken.

When the alarm was given it is said that the three prisoners named jumped into "Red Mike's" back, which stood in front of the door and drove away at a rapid pace down the avenue. Some of the men, however, was seen coming from the store or hallways.

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MILLER IS NOT NEEDED.

The Reason for His Resignation from the Nicaragua Company.

Ex-Senator Warner Miller has resigned from the Presidency of the Nicaragua Canal Construction Company, but the Board of Directors, in accepting his resignation, does not seem to be in any hurry to elect anyone in his place.

Inquiries at the office of the Canal Company in Wall street this afternoon failed to elicit any information as to Mr. Miller's reason for resigning, except that as the Company was now in the hands of a receiver and in process of reorganization, he probably